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THE Syrians have the Hula in their mercy. From their positions in the flank of the dun, fire-eaten hill, which borders the valley, they can sweep the entire valley. The houses of Gonen and Lehavot Habashan with mortar shells. From their gun emplacements behind the ridge, shells may be directed towards practically any place in the green crater-like Hula. And they do it, occasionally. When the hot, suffocating east wind blows, they direct themselves by setting drift thistles on the slope on fire and watch the flames run down to the fields beyond the Hula. A shot in the Hula is a world-wide affair. It can work wonders in taking the wind out of the sails of a troublesome opposition. In Damascus, even greater wonders in New York where trained diplomats simply cannot imagine what really happened. Fires are, perhaps, the meanest way to cause trouble. To the "neutral" a fire can always be explained as due to some accidental cause. If the settlers go out to put the fire out, a machine-gun can easily drive them home.

WHAT CAN an Observer see? From an Observation Post south of Gonen, where the U.N. has put up its flag alongside Israel's blue and white banner, the little houses of Derbasha across the border are so many dark spots on the bleak, threatening hill. A tree here and there, some green vegetation growing wildly along a stream. But black lava and charcoal bushes are predominant. Syrian positions are hidden in the hills and occasionally a soldier emerges for a few moments. The dirt track to Darbasha passes right by the foot of the hill. It was here that a patrol was fired on a fortnight ago. It was a memorable day. Returning the fire from the vehicles was the U.N. Observer who persuaded the Syrians to stop. Two tanks did the job. Syrians had a rush of blood to the head and in their barbaric fashion they shelled Gonen with their Russian guns behind the hill. Then all was silence. Peace reigned for four days, and then, on the fifth, the U.N. Observation Post was set up.

A FEW hundred metres west is a crane, and green plants obstruct the view of the fish ponds. Two score workers spend a long day clearing a new field of black stones. Up in Gonen, the blue-painted wooden "cultural house" is almost hidden behind trees and flowers. The shelves are full of books, the Shalom Aleichem writings and art editions of Matisse among others. "Taste our melons, please, they are wonderful!" They are. The secretary is a young man from Jerusalem, a graduate of a secondary school and the Boy Scout Movement. "Not much time left to read, you know. We have recorded music concerts twice a week and a cinema show once a week."

THEY have two babies in Gonen. More are expected. If some young men and women from Tel Aviv would prefer Gonen to the Herzelia beach, things would be better here. Year by year, more land will be reclaimed from the swamp and from the hill, and the islands of culture may spread and overtake the patches of jungle. But there will always be Syrian soldiers up on the barren basalt slopes who will always be ready to make trouble because somewhere in New York diplomats trained on reports and memoranda simply cannot grasp the illogical facts of the Hula. Tel Aviv, July 25.

JORDAN TO ALLOW FRENCH GOODS
Jordan has decided to lift the ban on the import of French goods, Paris Radio reported in its Arabic transmission yesterday, quoting a dispatch from Beirut. The report added that "two Western quarters" in the Lebanese capital believe that this step will be followed by the return of normal relations between France and Jordan. Jordan's most important import from France is steel, which is now not available in the Jordan market.

Egyptians Broke Pledge to Give Back Eylon, Toft Captain Says

HAIFA, Wednesday. — "The Egyptian officers at Suez port told me that the Suez Canal Authority had no objection to my ship going through the Canal to Israel. But for political reasons they must get permission from the higher authorities in Cairo, before allowing the cargo to go through as well," Capt. Hans H. Toft, master of the Danish ship Birgitte Toft, said in the port this afternoon.

The 3,905-ton ship arrived at 4.15 p.m. this afternoon, on the completion of her 24-day voyage from Rangoon via the Suez Canal, with 3,000 tons of rice. She was the first ship permitted by the Egyptians to take a cargo through the Canal to Israel since the Sinai campaign. She is under charter to the Disengoff Co. Capt. Toft, 40, modest and quiet-spoken, told the press that the ship had reached Suez at the southern entrance to the Canal at 7 a.m. last Monday. There she met two Egyptian torpedo boats which passed her. Egyptian officers boarded the ship and in a "courteous and friendly" manner inspected her papers. They asked the captain about his recent trips to Eilat, about the cargoes which he carried to and from there, and his other ports of call since.

They searched the holds and found only the cargo of rice. After about four hours they received permission from Cairo to let the ship and cargo pass. But by then the Toft had missed the daily convoy and had to wait until yesterday morning for the next one. On her way through the Canal she was piloted first by an Italian, and later by a Yugoslav pilot.

At Suez the Egyptians found an Israeli sailor, Rafi Eylon, registered as a crew member on the ship, and destroyed the film in his camera. They took him ashore, returned him after two hours and then took him off again. The captain protested the action. "The Egyptians then gave me a solemn promise that Rafi would be returned as soon as we reached Port Said. They explained that no Israeli may pass through the Canal, and said they would take him to Port Said by way of the Suez Canal. But actually going through the Canal. But at Port Said the authorities informed me that it was impossible at this time to return Rafi. I lodged a protest and informed the Danish Vice-Consul, but there was nothing I could do except to wait."

Trial of Plotters Opens in Sudan
CAIRO, Wednesday (UP). — The trial of six Sudanese army officers and men charged with operating an underground organization aimed at staging a coup d'état opened yesterday, the Middle East News Agency reported from Khartoum. The conspirators were charged with having planned to arrest Commander-in-Chief Magen Ibrahim Aboud, Premier Abdullah Khalil, opposition leader and former Premier Ismail El Azhari, and senior officers during a party at the Officers' Club.

Tunis Assembly To Debate Form of State
TUNIS, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Tunisian Consultative Assembly will meet tomorrow to discuss "the form of the Tunisian State," Premier Habib Bourguiba announced last night.

Following a meeting of the Political Committee of the ruling Neo-Destour party, Mr. Bourguiba told journalists, "We discussed at length the various forms of the form of the Tunisian State. We agreed that these problems come within the competence of the National Constituent Assembly which alone is competent to settle them. In consequence the President of the Constituent Assembly is convening it for Thursday, July 25."

NEW LEBANESE HOUSE MEETING AUG. 12
The newly-elected Lebanese House of Deputies will start its sessions on August 12, two days after the present House's term ends, it was learned in the Lebanese capital according to "El-Jihad."

Ike's Pastor Gets Model from Hussein
NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — An A.P. report received here from Amman said that Dr. Edward Elson, President Eisenhower's personal pastor, was yesterday decorated with the medal of the Jordan State in an audience with King Hussein.

Dr. Elson is a Vice-President of the anti-Zionist "American Friends of the Middle East." (Dr. Elson was erroneously believed to have been the emissary of "the head of a certain power" who saw both Mr. Ben-Gurion and Abdul Nasser last summer in a mediation effort mentioned by the Prime Minister in the Zionist General Council meeting last Thursday.)

Eban and Kidron Contact UN Chief

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday. — The Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, returned from his vacation in New England last night and today contacted Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld by telephone to inquire what steps the latter intends to take following the arrest of the Israeli sailor, Rafi Eylon, by the Egyptian authorities.

Yesterday, Israel protested to the Security Council on the matter while Mr. Arthur Liveran, the Israeli Charge d'Affaires, after meeting with Mr. Hammarskjöld, said the Secretary-General informed him that he was awaiting further information about the incident before taking any steps.

Mr. Liveran told reporters that he asked Mr. Hammarskjöld to take whatever action was possible to "ensure the immediate release of this Israeli national." He said as the delegation knew, Rafi Eylon was still being detained by Egyptian authorities and his whereabouts were uncertain. The Israel delegation also released the text of a letter of protest to the President of the Security Council, Dr. Tingfu Tsiang of Nationalist China. This drew the Council's "urgent attention" to the "illegal" detention of the Egyptian Government in connection with the passage of the Birgitte Toft.

The letter referred to the detention of the Israeli chartered vessel when it arrived at the southern end of the Suez Canal. Eylon was arrested and "forcibly removed," it added. Israel wishes to protest in the strongest terms against these arbitrary actions by Egypt which are in violation of the U.N. Charter and the principle of the freedom of passage through the Suez Canal, the note said.

These latest acts on the part of Egypt are in open contradiction to the six principles adopted by the Security Council on October 13, 1956, which include a stipulation that the operation of the Canal be insulated from the politics of any country. The note reserved Israel's right to pursue this matter further as it deems appropriate.

Mr. Liveran asked that copies of the communication be circulated among U.N. members.

SHILOAH LEAVING POST
WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA). — The Israeli Minister, Mr. Reuven Shiloah, was scheduled to pay a farewell call on Secretary of State Dulles this evening. Ambassador and Mrs. Eban are tendering a farewell reception honoring Mr. Shiloah on the completion of his tour of duty here.

Casey: Non-Users of Canal Unprotected
CANBERRA, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Richard Casey, said today that in accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court on Suez Canal disputes, Egypt had advanced some little way towards meeting the views of other countries on the operation of the Canal.

Mr. Casey said Egypt's move represented some protection for the countries using the Canal, but only to a limited degree because it appeared that only parties to the Constantinian Convention could have recourse to the Court. The Minister asked what the position would be of Israel and other countries which are not parties to the Convention. He added that a satisfactory permanent regime for the Canal was still not in sight.

Jordan Claims Israel Violates Lines
RAMALLAH, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Jordanian Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Nasser al-Rikabi, said today that Israel forces had violated the Jordanian man's land of Jerusalem, but later withdrew after King Hussein had appealed to foreign diplomatic representation.

The radio said that Israeli farmers entered the zone to plough, and that when Jordan complained to the Mixed Armistice Commission, the Israelis dispatched a battalion of troops to the scene.

(A Foreign Ministry official told Efe Jerusalem Post that the report was not true. He said that restoration work was being carried out by Israel in the area near the former Government House, in accordance with the de facto agreement between the two sides. Such work has been done by both Israel and Jordan between the two lines.)

REVOLT QUELLED IN CHINA

HONGKONG, Wednesday (Reuters). — Peking Radio announced today that security police have suppressed a revolt against the Communist regime in the remote province of Tsinhai, adjoining Tibet. The radio said the uprising was led by intellectuals and financed by capitalists from other parts of China. A small party of revolutionaries had tried to introduce a "Government by all the people" the radio said, adding that the police had arrested five rebel leaders.

Soviet C.P. Makes Change After Purge

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuters). — In the first official account of the debate which preceded the recent expulsions from the Soviet Communist Party leadership, "Party Life" official magazine of the Central Committee, said today that new, important steps to reshape the organizational form of the party have been taken.

It stated that the Plenum of the Central Committee and of all local party committees now took place regularly, adding that the "most striking" of all party developments is that the apparatus of the Central Committee of regional party committees "has been reduced in a positive manner."

Political departments and the post of "party organizer" of the Central Committee in plants and offices "have been liquidated." Party organizers were full-time party representatives in all Soviet institutions and were installed to control and report on economic, political and other developments.

More 'Businesslike'
"Party Life" claimed these changes will facilitate the growth of the activity of the rank and file, increase responsibility, and as a result, criticism is bolder and more businesslike. The magazine issued the account of the debate preceding the expulsions in the form of an editorial, and reported that the expulsions of Malenkov and Kaganovich took place twice in their own defence before the Central Committee. It added, "The single person of the Central Committee supported the anti-party group."

Sapir Heads G-Z Small Executive
The Executive Council of the General Zionist Party last night elected a nine-man limited Executive Committee by a vote of 15-10 with five abstaining, and unanimously chose Mr. Y. Sapir as its Chairman.

The other members chosen are Messrs. I. Serlin, I. Roach, H. Levanon, E. Ichilov, S. Z. Abramov, S. Wolff, D. Donasky and A. Goldstein. The President of the party, Mr. P. Bernstein, and the Secretary of the party, Mr. I. Tamir, will also participate in the Executive Committee. After the voting, Mr. Roach announced that he would not participate in the Executive Committee, and a similar statement on behalf of Mr. Donasky, who is abroad, was made by Mr. B. Weinstein. The Executive Committee constituted will be dominated by members of the "Popular Bloc" under the leadership of Mr. I. Serlin and Mr. Y. Sapir.

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Ata Rejects Arbitration; B-G Announces End of Intervention

BEN-GURION'S STATEMENT

The Prime Minister issued the following statement in Tel Aviv last night ending his intervention in the Atia-Haifa Labour Council dispute:

On July 18 the Atia Management informed the Prime Minister that it would willingly accept his arbitration in the Atia strike, and would carry out all conclusions, arrangements and agreements that he might propose for the solution of the strike.

The Prime Minister visited Haifa on July 19 to ascertain the willingness of the Atia workers to accept his arbitration. After receiving the refusal of the Haifa Labour Council in this matter Mr. Ben-Gurion considered that he was relieved of any further action in the matter, and at the meeting of the Mapai Central Committee that convened on Sunday, July 21, he expressed his opinion on two of the points at issue between the Atia management and the workers. He stated that the management was not prepared to renew the undertaking.

The Prime Minister accordingly announced that he is no longer dealing with the matter.

Shell Claim For Quitting Ridiculed
LONDON, Wednesday (INA). — Financial circles here assailed the Shell claim that its decision to cease marketing in Israel was motivated by economic considerations as "poppycock" and that financially the company has been doing well out of the operations.

Nor is there anyone prepared to accept the claim that the Shell did not consult the British Government before taking its decision to pull out of Israel, it was asserted. While the Foreign Office argues that Shell is a commercial organization which is entitled to operate its business as it thinks fit, it is highly improbable that the company would take any decision regarding its operations in an important area of the Middle East without high level consultation.

Meanwhile, the Israel Embassy has refused comment, while neither Shell nor the British Petroleum Co. is prepared to elaborate on the statement made last night by the Shell spokesman that they are quitting Israel for "commercial reasons."

U.S. SILENT ON ARMY AID TO SAUDI
WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — The Defence Department has declined to give details of U.S. military assistance to Saudi Arabia. Asked whether the U.S. has given or sold any land mines to Saudi Arabia, a Pentagon spokesman said, "We have not given any military equipment to Saudi Arabia — they are not eligible for grant aid. Purchases of military equipment by foreign countries are classified."

SAUD MEETS SELASSIE
ADDIS ABABA, Wednesday (UP). — King Saud of Saudi Arabia talked in private with Emperor Haile Selassie for an hour-and-a-half today.

Ata Claims Favouritism

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Atia management last night withdrew its agreement that the Prime Minister should act as arbitrator in their 11-week-old dispute with the Haifa Labour Council.

Hopes raised during the past few days that the strike would shortly end, were once more dashed, and it is difficult to see what further arbitrating authority can now be called upon to settle the matter.

Mr. Ben-Gurion announced the failure of his arbitration effort in a statement broadcast late this evening. He announced that both the Atia workers and the Haifa Labour Council had today agreed to accept his arbitration.

He had then renewed his appeal to the Atia management, at the same time pointing out that he had already made known publicly his views on arbitration, and that the Atia management had taken place only in accordance with the general agreement signed by the Manufacturers' Association and the Histadrut.

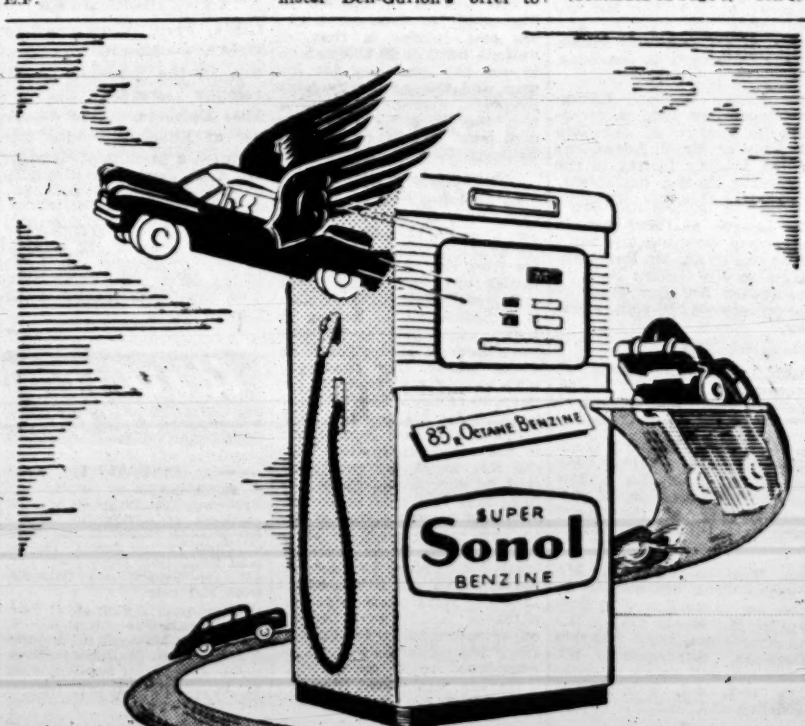
He asked the Atia management to confirm its agreement to arbitration given last Thursday, before he had

Almogi: Victory is Ours
HAIFA, Wednesday. — Asked for his comment on the Atia management's withdrawal, Mr. Almogi, Haifa Labour Council head, told The Jerusalem Post late last night that the Labour Council would advise the Atia management to continue the strike "calmly and in a responsible manner."

Mr. Almogi said that he did not know where the Atia management had received the information that the Premier had "promised" him anything. At this morning's meeting he had explicitly stated that he was not speaking in the Premier's name when he assured the workers that there would be no efficiency dismissals and that their just demands would be granted, but in the name of the Council only.

This morning the Atia strikers at a general meeting decided, by an overwhelming majority, to accept Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's offer to settle the dispute.

Mr. Almogi promised the workers "in the name of the Council" to accept the offer.



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Sacha Guitry Dies
In Paris, Aged 72

PARIS, Wednesday. (Reuter). — The French playwright-actor Sacha Guitry died here today aged 72.

Born in St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) and five times married, he was the "great lover" of the French

producer and theatre manager he was also one of the out-

He was a most prolific author, and besides plays whose number ran into three figures, he wrote dialogues and film scripts as well as several books. His first play, "Nono" was written at the age of 20, followed by "Cher les Zoques." One of his greatest successes was "Pasteur," based on the life of the famous French scientist. In his book "Solitaire Jour de Prison," he described his two months in prison after World War II, for being suspected of "sympathies with the enemy" during the

occupation of France. He
was later cleared of all

charges against him.

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cept carry on without him.

During the short time Raf had returned to the ship he had told the captain that the Egyptians had shown him pictures of the Sinai fighting had been friendly, and started to teach him a few words of Arabic.

Capt. Loik had not asked for fuel or water at Suez as his owners had instructed him

Asked whether he had no

apprehensions about trying to pass the Canal with an Israeli-bound ship in view of reports of Egypt's intentions, the medium-sized, broad-shouldered captain answered, "We Danish sailors aren't afraid of rumours. We sail right up and find out ourselves what happens." He added that he had been at sea ever since the age of four, when his father, a shipowner, took him aboard. He has a wife and three children in Denmark. The ship is manned by a crew of 26, including one Ceylonese.

Referring to the fire aboard the ship at Rangoon, Capt.

Lolk said that there was no suspicion of sabotage, the

blaze having probably been caused by a short circuit. Some 360 tons of rice were burned in the fire and the vessel was damaged. Repairs would probably be carried out here. He did not know his next destination.

On arrival, the ship was welcomed by Dr. N. Wydra of the Zim management. He greeted the master as one of the few men fighting for the freedom of the seas today.

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